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Banquet of the golden witch

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I LIVED
IN THAT
MANSION
FROM THE
TIME I
WAS BORN.

...AND I
THOUGHT
THAT WAS
HOW IT
WAS MEANT
TO BE.



THAT GARDEN
AND THAT SMALL,
LOVELY MANSION,
ENCLOSED BY
A FENCE THAT
PIERCED THE
SKIES..

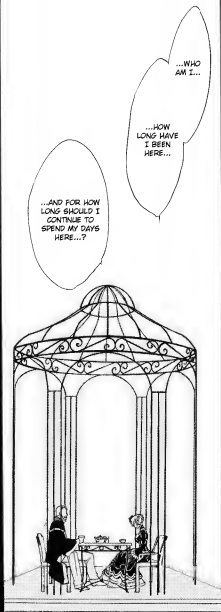


THAT
WAS MY
WHOLE
WORLD.





CHAPTER 6: [KUWADORIAN]



*THIS IS THE
WORLD OF
1967.*



*HERE, A
CONVERSATION
LIKE THIS TRULY
HAPPENED BETWEEN
KINZO-SAMA AND
BEATRICE-SAMA.*

*THIS PLACE IS
KUWADORIAN, THE
HIDDEN MANSION
THAT TRULY DOES
EXIST ON
ROKKENJIMA.*

*WELL,
I *AM* A
DEMON.*

*YOU CAN
USE THE
RED TRUTH,
TOO?!*



...I SEE.



MY
APOLOGIES.

I SIMPLY THOUGHT
THAT SOMETHING
OF THAT LEVEL
MIGHT DO
IN PLACE OF
TEACAKES.

REMOVE,
YOU IDIOT!

AND HERE
I WAS GOING
TO LORD IT
OVER HIM AND
HOLD BACK
ON THE RED!
DON'T USE IT
SO READILY!



YOU'RE
GRANDFATHER'S
MISTRESS WHO
RETIRED IN THIS
MANSION, THE
19TH HUMAN.

"WHO
AM I"...?

THAT'S AN
EASY ONE.



...YES.

AT THAT TIME,
I WAS A HUMAN
GIRL WHO
DIDN'T KNOW
ANYTHING...



YOU PROBABLY
WON'T BELIEVE
WHAT I HAVE
TO SAY, BUT
LISTEN FIRST.



...I SAY
"HUMAN,"
BUT THAT
WAS REALLY
NOTHING
MORE THAN
A CASE OF
FLESH...



HEH!
SO YOU
FINALLY ADMIT
THAT YOU'RE
A HUMAN?



KINZO DISPLAYED
A FEARSOME POWER,
AND WITH THE
SECRECY ARTS
BARNARD TO
TRAP ME INSIDE
HIS BARRICK.

HE SAID THAT
SO LONG AS
I WOULD NOT
ACCEPT HIS
LOVE, HE
WOULD NOT
RELEASE ME

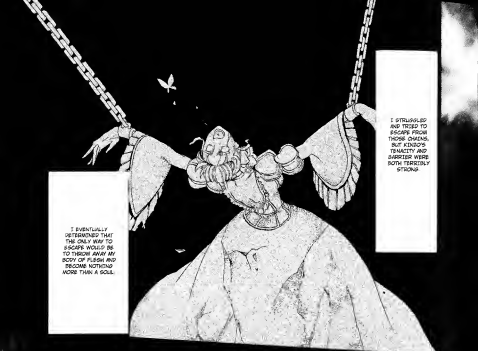


I WAS ONCE
A POWERFUL
WITCH WHO
HAD LIVED
FOR 1000
YEARS.

THEN ONE DAY,
I WAS SUMMONED
BY KINZO AND
GRANTED HIM
THE GOLD...



AND OF ALL
THINGS, KINZO
FELL IN LOVE
WITH ME.



I EVENTUALLY
DETERMINED THAT
THE ONLY WAY TO
ESCAPE WOULD BE
TO THROW AWAY MY
BODY OF FLESH AND
BECOME NOTHING
MORE THAN A SOUL.

I STRUGGLED
AND TRIED TO
ESCAPE FROM
THOSE DAMNED
BUT KING'S
TENACITY AND
BARRIER WERE
BOTH TERRIBLY
STRONG.



IT REQUIRED
A SIMILAR
AMOUNT OF
RESOLVE AS
THAT.

EVEN IF IT'S A WITCH,
A BEING THAT IS JUST A
SOUL CAN BE EASILY BURNED
BY THE LIGHT OF THE SUN.
IT'S A VULNERABLE STATE
OF EXISTENCE.



...I DON'T
REALLY GET
IT, BUT...

YOU ARE IN SERIOUSLY...
GRAND/FATHER PERSISTENTLY
COURTED YOU, AND YOU
COMMITTED SUICIDE TO
ESCAPE FROM THAT...?



HAVEN'T YOU
ALREADY KILLED
YOURSELF?

...THEN WHAT ARE YOU
DOING SITTING IN A
GARDEN CHAIR RIGHT
THERE?



WITH THAT
FEARSOME MAGICAL
POWER OF HIM,
HE CAUGHT MY
SOUL AND DRAGGED
IT BACK.

KINZO'S LOVE
WAS TRULY
FRIGHTENING.



MY SOUL WAS
IMPRISONED
IN A NERE CASE
OF BLOOD AND
FLESH

HE SEALED MY
SOUL INTO THE
SEED OF A
HOMUNCULUS
HE CREATED

AND CONFINED
ME TO THIS
HIDDEN MANSION.





IF YOU WANT
TO TALK ABOUT
WITCH-GIRL
STUFF, DO IT BY
YOURSELF. IT'S
SO DUMB I DON'T
WANNA LISTEN.



...HOMUNCULUS
...HEH...

THE RED TRUTH IS TRUTH THAT
DOES NOT REQUIRE PROOF AND
CANNOT BE DISPUTED AGAINST. IF I
WERE TO SAY "WITCHES, DEMONS,
AND HOMUNCULI EXIST" IN RED,
YOU WOULD BE UNABLE TO SWALLOW
IT AND ADMIT YOUR DEFEAT.

IT IS A
CHECKS TECH
THAT REFERS
TO A TIE CAUSED
BY A DEADLOCK
OF MOVES.

- ENDLESS REPEAT -

OH YEAH?
PROVE IT!

WITCHES EXIST!
I'M TELLING YOU,
THEY EXIST! THEY
JUST DO!

YOU WOULD BE UNABLE
TO MAKE ANY MORE MOVES,
AND THIS MELADY WOULD BE
UNABLE TO PROGRESS HER
MOVES ANY FURTHER.

I CANNOT ANSWER
QUESTIONS OF THAT
NATURE BECAUSE IT
WOULD PUT A STOP
TO THE GAME.

DISMOVES
CAN YOU REPEAT
IN RED THAT
"HOMUNCULI
DO EXIST"?

I CANNOT
RESPOND
TO THAT
REQUEST

BECAUSE IT
WOULD BECOME
A STALEMATE.

STALEMATE?
WHAT'S THAT?

THAT IS
CORRECT.

IN SHORT,
THAT QUESTION
IS PROHIBITED?

WHAT I CAN
SAID WITH
CERTAINTY

IS THAT
IN 1967, IN A HIDDEN
MANSION ON ROKKENJIMA,
BEATRICE-SAMA EXISTED
AS A HUMAN.

IF I
INTERPRET
WHAT BEATO
SAID REALIS-
TICALLY...



BEATRICE, WHO COMMITTED SUICIDE TO ESCAPE GRANDFATHER'S COURTING, HAD A DAUGHTER WHO WAS THE SPITTING IMAGE OF HERSELF

GRANDFATHER BELIEVED THAT DAUGHTER WAS BEATRICE'S REINCARNATION AND RAISED HER ACCORDINGLY... OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT.

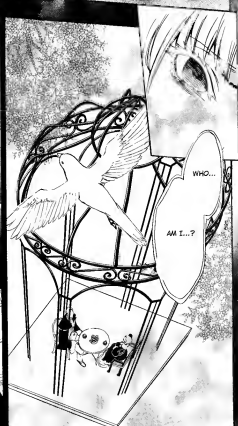


I HONESTLY HAVE TO FEEL SORRY FOR HER, LEAVING LOVE A BIRD IN A CAGE.

AND THEN I GUESS BEATO COMMITTED THOSE ATROCIOUS CRIMES AS REVENGE

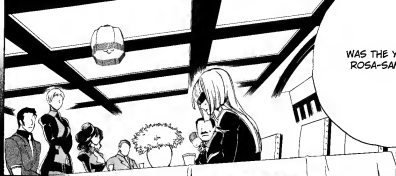


THE ONE WHO STUMBLED ACROSS THE CAGED BIRD THAT WAS BEATRICE-SAMA ONE DAY...



WHO...

AM I...?



WAS THE YOUNG
ROSA-SAMA...



WHO ARE
YOU?

I AM
BEATRICE.







WHEN HE COMES
HERE, WE DRINK
TEA AND TAKE
WALKS TOGETHER.

I JUST
HAPPEN TO BE
ALONE TODAY.



UM...
DO YOU KNOW MY
FATHER... I MEAN,
KINGDO?

YES.

I HAVE KNOWN
KINGDO FOR A
LONG TIME. HE
COMES HERE
OFTEN.



THANK
YOU.



THROUGH THE
FOREST??

HUH?

I RAN THROUGH
THE FOREST...
AND EVENTUALLY
ENDED UP HERE.

ENOUGH
ABOUT ME.

TELL ME ABOUT
YOURSELF.

HOW DID YOU
MANAGE TO
ARRIVE AT THIS
PLACE, ROSA?



SHE WAS
A VERY
STRANGE
PERSON.



YOU DIDN'T
ENCOUNTER
ANY WOLVES?

DID YOU GIVE
THEM A BIS-
CUIT TO GET
THEM TO OVER-
LOOK YOU?

OR DID YOU
WEAR A MAGIC
CLOAK AND
ERASE YOUR
FORM?

THE FOREST
IS FULL OF
FEARSOME
WOLVES,
IS IT NOT?



CAN A
COFFEE
CUP SPIN
AROUND?

SHE WAS
HONEST LIKE
A KID AND
KNEW NOTHING
OF THE WORLD.

IS IT
A FUN
PLACE?

SCHOOL?
WHAT IS
THAT?

SHE SEEMED
MORE LIKE
A PERSON
STRAIGHT
OUT OF A
FAIRY TALE,
SOMEONE WHO
BELIEVED IN
MAGIC...

SHE DID FIT
THE MAJESTIC
IMAGE OF A
WITCH

BUT SHE
DIDN'T SEEM
LIKE THE
KIND OF
PERSON
ANYONE
WOULD BE
SCARED OF
...

WOLVES
...?

I'VE NEVER
SEEN ONE
OF THOSE,
NOT EVEN
IN A ZOO.

NEVER.
KINZO TOLD
ME NOT TO GO
OUTSIDE BECAUSE
THERE ARE
WOLVES IN
THE FOREST.

...BEATRICE...
HAVE YOU NEVER
GONE OUTSIDE
THE FENCE?



ALL THE
ANIMALS
ARE KEPT
IN CAGES,
SO IT'S
SAFE.

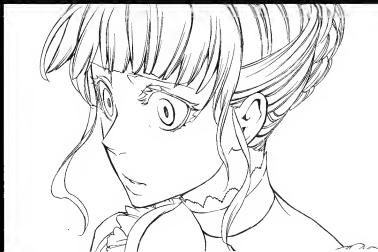


AND THERE
AREN'T ANY
WOLVES?
ISN'T IT
SCARY?

AH... IT'S A
PLACE WHERE
A LOT OF RARE
ANIMALS ARE
KEPT. LIKE ELE-
PHANTS AND
GIRAFFES...



WHAT
IS A
ZOO?





...
HUH
...?

SHE DIDN'T
KNOW WHAT
A ZOO WAS.

NO MATTER
HOW MUCH
I TRIED TO
EXPLAIN TO
HER THAT
THE ZOO WAS
A FUN PLACE

HER EXPRES-
SION AS SHE
LISTENED
WOULD ONLY
DARKEN.



HOW IS
THAT...

ANY
DIFFERENT
FROM ME
...?

...WHO
AM I?

NOW THAT I
THINK ABOUT IT,
ALTHOUGH SHE LOOKED
ELEGANT AT A GLANCE...
AS FATHER'S SECRET
MISTRESS, SHE
MUST HAVE BEEN
FORCED TO LIVE
UNDER CONSTRAINED
CONDITIONS
SIMILAR TO HOUSE
ARREST.

SHE PROBABLY
SAW HERSELF IN
THOSE ANIMALS
LOCKED IN CAGES,
AND THAT SADDENED
HER.

I CANNOT USE
MAGIC. I SIMPLY
HAVE THAT WITCH'S
SOUL SEALED INSIDE
MY BODY...

BUT THAT
IS NOT ME.

EVERYONE
CALLS ME
BEATRICE.

...IT SEEMS
THAT IS THE
NAME OF A
POWERFUL
WITCH.

I DON'T
WANT TO
BE BEATRICE
ANYMORE...







DO YOU
WANT TO
TRY...

...GOING
OUTSIDE
THE FENCE?



AND I DIDN'T
IMAGINE I
COULD GET
IN TROUBLE
FOR JUST
TALKING
HER ON A
SHORT
WALK...

BUT I WANTED
TO SHOW THIS
PERSON, WHO
ONLY KNEW THE
INSIDE OF THE
CAGE SHE WAS
SHUT IN, THE
OUTSIDE
WORLD.

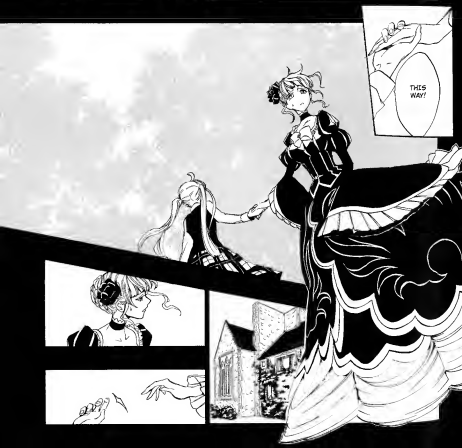
I DIDN'T
UNDER-
STAND
MOST
OF THE
THINGS
SHE
SAID...



WE CAN
GET OUT
THROUGH
THAT!

I CRAWLED
IN THROUGH
A SMALL
OPENING IN
THE FENCE.

THERE
AREN'T ANY
WOLVES
IN THE
FOREST.





I WANT
TO SEE

I DON'T
NEED TEA OR
DRESSES
ANYMORE.

I WON'T
MEET
WITH
KINZO
AGAIN.

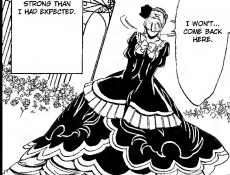
A DIFFERENT
WORLD.



HER RESOLVE
WAS FAR MORE
STRONG THAN
I HAD EXPECTED.

I DON'T
WANT TO
STAY HERE
ANymore.

I WON'T...
COME BACK
HERE.



IF I
JUST TOOK
HER AWAY
WITHOUT PERMIT-
SION

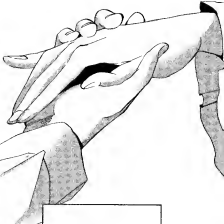


FATHER
WOULD
PROBABLY
SCOLD ME
HARSHLY
...



I WANT
TO SEE

A ZOO.

A hand is shown holding a small, dark, cylindrical object. The hand is wearing a sleeve with a polka-dot pattern.

...SURE.

BUT I
WANTED TO
GRANT HER
MODEST WISH.

A close-up of a young girl with short, light-colored hair and large, expressive eyes. She has a slight smile and is looking towards the left. She is wearing a dark dress with a white collar and a small bow.

PLEASE TAKE
ME AWAY
FROM HERE,

ROSA.

...I WASN'T
SURE HOW
THINGS
WOULD TURN
OUT...



WHAT ABOUT
THAT FRUIT?
AND THAT
LIGHT?

ROSA, WHAT IS
THAT FLOWER?
AND THAT LEAF?
THEY LOOK LOVELY!

IF WE DO
ENCOUNTER ONE,
LET'S GIVE THEM
THIS BISCUIT
AND RUN AWAY.

WHAT'S THAT
SOUND?

HOPEFULLY
NO WOLVES
WILL SHOW
UP.

WHAT IS
THAT SMELL?

IT'S
WONDERFUL!

BEATRICE...
HOLD ON A
SECOND.

IF WE KEEP
WANDERING
BLINDLY LIKE
THIS, I THINK
WE'LL ONLY
GET MORE AND
MORE LOST.

AND IF IT GETS
DARK LIKE THIS,
WE'LL BE IN A
LOT OF TROUBLE...

THE WORLD OUTSIDE
THE FENCE IS
OVERFLOWING WITH
THINGS I'VE NEVER
SEEN BEFORE...!!

I'M HAVING
FUN BEING
"LOST."

IT'S VERY
PLEASANT!

DUE TO HER
SHELTERED
UPBRINGING,
SHE HAD
ABSOLUTELY
NO SENSE
OF DANGER.

THE ONE THING
I HAD TO AVOID
ABOVE ALL ELSE
WAS BEING STUCK
INSIDE THAT DARK
FOREST WHEN NIGHT
FELL...

BUT I WAS THE
ONE WHO HAD
TAKEN HER AWAY,
SO I HAD TO TAKE
RESPONSIBILITY

BY THIS POINT,
I HAD LOST MY
SENSE OF DIREC-
TION, AND DIDN'T
EVEN KNOW WHERE
THE PATH TO GET
BACK TO THE MAN-
SION WAS ON THE
ISLAND.

I DIDN'T
HAVE A MAP,
A COMPASS,
OR EVEN A
FLASHLIGHT.



IF WE WALK ALONG
THE BEACH, WE SHOULD
EVENTUALLY GET TO
A PLACE I RECOGNIZE

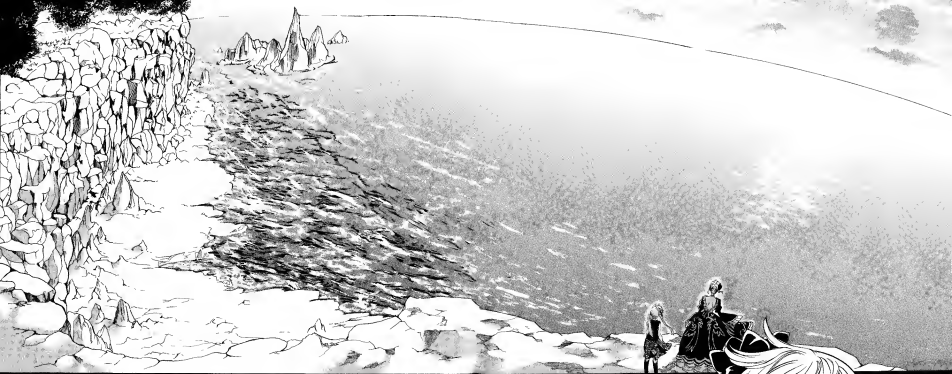
AT ANY RATE...
LET'S TRY TO
GET TO THE SEA.



OKAY.

WHATEVER
YOU SAY,
ROSA.





THERE ISN'T
AN AQUARIUM ON
THIS ISLAND...
BUT THERE ARE
LOTS OF FISH!

ARE THERE
WHALES AND
DOLPHINS AND
PENGUINS AS
WELL?

HOHOH,
I CANNOT
WAIT TO SEE
THEM!

SO IS THERE
ONE OF THOSE A
GUARDING YOU
TALKED ABOUT
BY THE SEAT

I'LL BE
CAREFUL.

PLEASE BE
CAREFUL.

WE'RE
POORLY
HIGH UP.

WHY DON'T WE TRY
CLIMBING DOWN
THIS CLIFF? IT
SHOULD BE MUCH
EASIER TO WALK
ON THE OPEN
SHOES THAN
THROUGH THE
FOREST!

AS LONG AS WE
CLIMB DOWN
CAREFULLY, WE
SHOULD BE OKAY.

OKAY, I'LL
FOLLOW YOU
DOWN!

HOH...!

SO THIS
IS THE
SEA...!

IT'S SO
VAST...!





YOU HAVE TO
GO TO AN
AQUARIUM TO
SEE THOSE ...

WA--

AH!



ARE YOU
ALRI-
GHT?!

DIDN'T I
WARN YOU
TO BE
CAREFUL?!

BEATRICE
?!





~~~~~  
WHA  
~~~~~ ?!

WHAT
...
THE
HELL
...?!

NOO-
OOO!

BEA-
TRICE
?!

BEA-
TRICE
?!

SAY
SOME-
THING!

BEA-
TRICE!!

THERE'S
NO WAY

...
SHE'S
GOT
TO BE
ALIVE!

AUNT ROSA
JUST ASSUMED
SHE WAS DEAD,
BUT SHE
ACTUALLY
SURVIVED!
OTHERWISE
THINGS DON'T
MATCH UP!

SHE
...
DIED
...?
... & S

EVEN
THOUGH
SHE APPE-
ARS AS
THE 19TH
PERSON...

THERE'S
NO WAY!!
SHE
DIED?!

**SHE IS
DEFINITELY
DEAD!**

HAH!

DOES
THAT REALLY
LOOK ALIVE
TO YOU?

I MISSED MY
FOOTING ON
THE CLIFF, FELL,
AND "DIED!"

CAN YOU
SAY THAT
IN RED?!

YOU CAN'T,
CAN YOU?!

LOOK.

OPEN YOUR
EYES AND
TAKE A GOOD
LOOK, BATTLER.

THERE ARE
NO MORE
THAN 15
PEOPLE ON
WHEELCHAIR

AND





ISN'T SHE THE
CULPRIT WHO
PLOTTED REVENGE
AGAINST GRANDFATHER
AND COMMITTED
THESE SERIAL
MURDERS?!

IF, BEATRICE, THE
19TH HUMAN CALLING
HERSELF A WITCH,
IS DEAD, THEN WHO
ELSE COULD BE THE
CULPRIT?



THE 19TH
HUMAN...

GRANDFATHER'S
MISTRESS,
BEATRICE,
IS DEAD...?



BUT YOU SURE
MADE THAT MOVE
MORE QUICKLY
THAN I EXPECTED,
MELBY.

I WAS SURE YOU
WOULD LET HIM
FLOUNDER A BIT
LONGER BEFORE
TURNING THINGS
AROUND AT
THIS END.

YOU'VE
BRIEFLY STRUCK
DOWN BATTLE-SHAKES
THEORY ABOUT AN
UNKNOWN 19TH PERSON
OUTSIDE THE 10
PEOPLE BEING
THE CULPRIT.

MORE
IMPORTANTLY
THAN THAT,
ACCORDING
TO WHAT SHE
SAID...

THERE ARE NO
MORE THAN 10
PEOPLE ON THIS
ISLAND, TO
BEGIN WITH...?!



I SAID
IT BEFORE.
DID I NOT?

EVEN THE "MB"
BACK IN KLIWA-
DORIAN WAS NO
MORE THAN A CASE
OF FLESH IMPRI-
SONING THE SOUL
OF THE "MB" WHO
WAS ORIGINALLY
A WITCH.



THEN... WHO
ARE YOU, THE
PERSON STANDING
BEFORE MY EYES
RIGHT NOW?

IF YOU'RE NOT
A HUMAN, THEN DON'T
YOU DARE TELL ME
YOU'RE A WITCH WHO
WAS REVIVED WITH
MAGIC!



THAT 19TH PERSON,
THAT 20TH PERSON,
THAT 21ST PERSON,
THAT 96312ND PERSON...
FORGET BEING THE
CULPRIT, THEY DON'T
EVEN EXIST...!!

IT'S
ALL MY
FAULT!!!

BECAUSE I
TOLD HER TO
CLIMB DOWN
THAT CLIFF

I...IT'S
BECAUSE
I LOST HER
AGAIN...

AFTER ROSA
LEFT...

DUE TO THE DEATH OF
MY FLESH BODY, I WAS
RELEASED FROM MY CAGE
OF FLESH AND REGAINED
MY MEMORIES OF MY
TIME AS A WITCH.

I DECIDED TO
GRIEVE MYSELF
IN THE FOREST,
WAITING TO RECOVER
MY MAGICAL POWER.

ALL THE WHILE
CONTEMPLATING
HOW I WOULD
EXACT MY REVENGE
AGAINST KINZO...

BUT MY FORM
WAS A VULNERABLE
ONE, EASILY BURNED
BY THE LIGHT OF
THE SUN.

I HAD NO CHOICE
BUT TO WAIT 1000
DAYS FOR MY ONCE
IMMENSE MAGICAL
POWER TO RETURN...
OR PERHAPS EVEN
LONGER.

BUT
KINZO-SAMA
WAS QUITE
PERSISTENT.

HE IMMEDIATELY
TOOK MEASURES TO
ENSURE THAT MELAY
COULD NOT ESCAPE
FROM THE ISLAND.



その里にて二人が口にし岸を探れ。

そこに黄金郷への鍵が眠る。

鍵の手にせし者は、
以下に従ひて黄金郷へ旅立つべし。

一の晩に、鍵の選ひし六人を生贄に捧げよ。
二の晩に、残されし者は寄り添う二人を引き裂けよ。
三の晩に、残されし者は誉れ高き我に捧げよ。

第四の晩に、頭をえぐりて殺せ。

第五の晩に、胸をえぐりて殺せ。

第六の晩に、腹をえぐりて殺せ。

第七の晩に、膝をえぐりて殺せ。

第八の晩に、足をえぐりて殺せ。

第九の晩に、誰も生き残れは

第十の晩に、黄金の郷に至る

THAT IS
THE WITCH'S
EPITAPH.

THE FORBIDDEN
CEREMONY THAT
SELECTS 13 PEOPLE
AT RANDOM AND
OFFERS THEM UP
AS SACRIFICES...

MILADY, WHO
SPECIALIZES IN
WESTERN MAGIC,
HAD A POOR COMPA-
TIBILITY WITH IT.
NOT ONLY WAS
MILADY CONFINED
THE ISLAND, BUT
IT ALSO HINDERED
THE RECOVERY OF
HER MAGICAL POWER.

HE HAD THE
SMALL SHRINE
OF EASTERN
MAGIC AT THE
ENTRANCE OF
THE ISLAND
REPAIRED, AND
REVIVED THE
BARRIER
AROUND THE
ISLAND.

AND THEN AFTER
MANY FAILURES, HE
FINALLY WORKED
OUT A CEREMONY
FOR MY REVIVAL.



ARE YOU
TELLING ME
YOU'RE ONE
OF THE 18
PEOPLE IN
DISGUISE
...?!

I DON'T
BELIEVE
IN A WITCH
REVIVING
THROUGH
SACRIFICES!
WITCHES
DON'T
EXIST!!

WHAT
THE HELL
ARE YOU?!

WHY DO YOU
REJECT ME SO,
BATTLER?

THEN ALL
YOU HAVE
TO DO IS
ACCEPT ME.

IF YOU DON'T
WANT TO
SUSPECT
THOSE
BELOVED
IS PEOPLE

DAMMIT
...!

HAVE I BEEN
CORNERED AT
THE VERY SAME
DEAD END AS
LAST TIME...?!





THINGS WILL
BE DIFFICULT
FOR ME FROM
HERE ON OUT.

UNLIKE YOU,
WHO CAN
SIMPLY
THROW AWAY
APPEARANCES
AND MAKE
ONE OF
THE 18
HUMANS
INTO THE
GUILPOT,

BUT I QUITE LIKE
THIS CEREMONY
OF SACRIFICES...
THIS GAME OF KINZO'S.

GETTING YOU TO
ACKNOWLEDGE THAT
THE GAMES IS IMPOSSIBLE
FOR ALL 18
AND FORCING YOU
INTO A CHECKMATE WILL
BE TRULY DIFFICULT.

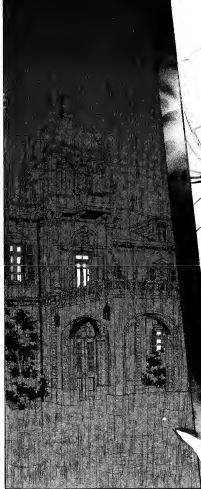
MELADY,
I BELIEVE IT
IS TIME TO TAKE
ACTION ON THE
GAME BOARD.





I SHALL
THOROUGHLY
ENJOY
MYSELF
THIS TIME
AROUND
AS USUAL!

BEING SHOWN
THE HUMAN
CONDITION
THROUGH THE
MEANS OF
A MURDER
GAME, WITH
ALL OF YOU
FLAILING
ABOUT AND
TRYING TO
OPPOSE ME,
IS EXTREMELY
PLEASANT!

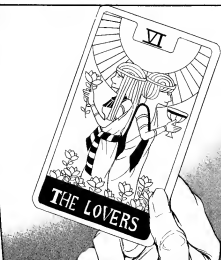


H...

HOLD IT
RIGHT
THERE!

B
E
A
T
R
I
C
E
E
E
E
E
!!







IMPRESSIVE.
YOU MANAGED
TO REUNITE
WITH ME ONCE
MORE. I MUST
CONGRATULATE
YOU.

...
AND ALSO
...



FAREWELL.

YOU ARE THE
FIRST SACRIFICE
FOR THE
CEREMONY.

DEATH

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SHANNON

THE AGENTS
EXTRALICED US TO
HEAD TO HIGH-LEVEL
DISAPPEARANCE



DETECT-
SARA...Y

KAMON-
KUN...Y

WE'LL GO
IN THROUGH THE
BACK DOOR THAT
POWER FORWARD
NOTICE

HERE YOUR
PRESENCE
MEE-SUN



HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT
FORWARD UNDER PROJECT
SUPERVISION OF 100%

RECORD NAME

FORWARD UNDER
PROJECT SUPERVISION
OF 100%

KAMON





CHAPTER 7: FURNITURE VS. THE SEVEN STAKES

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Episode: Banquet of the golden watch







IT
WAS
FOR.



THE DEFT, LIGHT OF THE MARCH
BETWEEN OF THE JUNE
FELLOWS WITH SO MANY
BATTLES
THAT IT
ALREADY
SURVIVES
PEOPLE'S
OF LOVE
AND HATE



REST
IN PEACE

KINZO





YOU
ARE IN YOUR
OWNEST

WHAT DO
YOU WANT
FROM
ME...?

HOW DAMNED
WITCH... WHY
DID YOU SHOW
YOURSELF...?



BECAUSE
YOU WERE
CHOSEN AS
SACRIFICES
THAT YOU
WERE CALLED
HERE...

BE
GRATEFUL,
FURNITURE.
TONIGHT,
YOUR DAYS
OF SUFFERING
WILL FINALLY
COME TO
AN END.

KINZO
AND THE FIVE
SERVANTS
MAKE A
PERFECT
FIT FOR THE
SIX SACRIFICES
OF THE FIRST
TWILIGHT...



TO COME UP
WITH HER DESIRE
IS OUR LAST DUTY
AS FURNITURE

NOW THAT THE
MASTER IS GONE,
FURNITURE-GAMA
IS OUR MASTER



UNDER-
STOOD

FURNITURE-
GAMA

...IS
THAT
HOW
IT IS?



NO



IT SEEMS YOU
RECEIVED A
STORY FROM
FURNITURE-GAMA...
DO YOU HAVE
ANY REQUESTS?

WHA-
HAAA



JUST BY
ACCEPTING
THIS STORY, MY
FEELINGS HAVE
BEEN
FULFILLED
IF IT
ALREADY BEEN
IN OUR
LIVES YOU
DESIRED,
THEN BY
ALL MEANS
PLEASE
TAKE THEM



I HAVE
BEEN BLESSED
MORE THAN
FURNITURE LIKE
HE DESERVES



REYNOLD-SAMA,
I DON'T BELIEVE
ONE SUCH AS
YOURSELF
WOULD BE ABLE
TO UNDERSTAND
MY FEELINGS.



CAN'T YOU
AT LEAST
SHOW A FEW
TRACES OF
FRIENDSHIP
AT NOT BEING
ABLE TO RESPOND
THE WAY
WITH THE WAY
YOU LOVE?
...WHAT
A BORING
WOMAN!

THREE PAGES



ACCEPTING
FOLK DECISION
SO EARLY?
IS THAT
A YELLOW

CAN'T YOU
SHOW ME
A BIT OF
BENEFICIAL
FUNCTION?

IT
SEEMS
LIKELY
CAN'T
HANDLE
YOUR
TYPE
WELL.



...YOU WON'T
BETRAY MY
EXPECTATIONS,
WILL YOU?

KANON?



YOU
WILL
WILL...

KANDRA-
KANDRA...



WILL
WILL...

ONE OF
THE SEVEN
WISDOMS OF
PURSUEING
LACEDER
OF FIDON!

I WILL...
GRANT
THAT WISH
OF YOURS.

YOU COULD
OVER HOW MUCH
YOU WOULD BE
FIDON...
WILL YOU...?

YOU WANT
TO BE
INVITED
TO THE
GOLDEN
LAND AND
OFTEN
A WISDOM
BOY...
IF THAT
HAPPENS
YOU WILL
BE ABLE
TO BE
TOGETHER
WITH
JERROCK.



LUCIFER
OF
PRIDE,
AT YOUR
COMMAND.

IF YOU
CAN DEFEAT MY
FURNITURE, THE
SEVEN STAKES
OF PURGATORY...
I SHALL GRANT
YOUR WISH.



IF
YOU
WIN

I WILL LET
YOU DECIDE
THE FIVE PEOPLE
WHO GET TO BE
EXEMPT FROM
THE THIRTEEN
SACRIFICES.

I CAN...

I'LL TAKE THE FIVE
PEOPLE WHO GET
EXEMPTED TO THE
GOLDEN LANE...?"

YES.



AND YOU
CAN GET IN
FRONT OF
YOUR
GOLDEN LANE
TO HIM

HIM AND
THAT'S FIVE
PEOPLE
WOULDN'T
THAT SOUND
PERFECT,
KAGAKI?



IF YOU
ALSO WISH
FOR YOUR
SISTER'S
HAPPINESS
YOU CAN
THROW IN
SHANNON
AND JESSIE
AS WELL



IF YOU
FORGET
YOURSELF AND
SISTER, YOU
WILL DEFEND A
HUMAN BODY
AND BE ABLE
TO BE JOINED
WITH HIM IN
THE GOLDEN
LANE.

I WILL SAVE
THOSE FIVE
PEOPLE TO
THE GOLDEN
LANE WITH
NO STRINGS
ATTACHED





HEY... ARE
YOU TRYING
YOU MIGHT BE
ABLE TO YOU
IF I'M YOUR
OPPOSING...? HOW RUDE-
LEAVING!

HAPPY
UP AND
SPORCICE!
WOULD YOU
STILL SAY,
GUY? KEE

...DON'T CALL
ME GUY! ...



...COME.

PUNCTURE
OF
THE HEART

Shin

Shin

ADAM...

SOMETHING
INCOMPREHENSIBLE
IS HAPPENING...



MAGIC
AND
WITCHES
DON'T
EXIST
IN THIS
WORLD,
RIGHT?

SO
WHAT THE
HELL IS
HAPPENING
RIGHT
BEFORE MY
EYES...?!



WHAT THE
HELL IS
THIS ALL
ABOUT? WHAT
THE HELL IS THIS
TRICKLIGHTS?

ADAM,
KINGDOM AND
WITCHES
SOMEONE
IS FIGHTING
AGAINST
THE WITCH'S
COURTNEY...?



ADMIT IT
ALREADY,
COME ON!

COME ON,
COME
ONNNN!



CAN'T YOU
SEE IT'S
REALITY?

LOOK, LOOK,
LOOK, IT'S A
MAGIC BATTLE,
BATTLEER!
CAN'T YOU
SEE MAGIC
EXISTS?



NOW BOW
DOWN
BEFORE
ME, THE
GREAT
LUCIFER!

DO IT
NOW AND
I'LL LET
YOU OFF
EASY...

I'LL
JUST TEAR
OFF YOUR
SAVINGS,
SET ASIDE
YOUR WHOLE
BODY PIECE
OF PIECE
AND KITCH
YOU SQUARE
UNTIL YOU
DIE!

COME ON
HOLD UP
AND
FIGHT ME!



DON'T
LOOK DOWN
ON ME...!







THIS
GUY...

ARE YOU
SAYING
HE CAN
FIGHT ON
PAR WITH
ME...?



**THAT YOU'LL
NEVER BE
ABLE TO
BEAT ME....!!**

IT'S
BECAUSE
OF THAT
APPEARANCE
OF YOURS...







UW
AAA
AH!

AA
AA
AA
AH!

UU
UU
GH

UU
GH...



HOW THE
GODS IT
GALLS ME I
POOR
STRANGER
TOD
MAYBE

MY
FURNITURE IS
NO MATCHES
IN COMPARISON

IT MUST
BE THANKS TO
KAWON-KUN'S
STRONG WILL
TO BECOME
HUMAN.



LAST-
FIVE

WAS THIS
OPPONENT TOO
EACH FOR YOU
AFTER ALL...?"

YOU ARE
BORING
RELAY





HOW DARE
YOU
HUMILIATE
ME SO!

I'LL
KILL
YOU!

KILL
YOU,
KILL
YOU,
KILL
YOU!

YOU
DANCE?

YOU CAN'T
EVEN FOLLOW
ME WITH
YOUR EYES
ANYMORE!





I'LL
PIERCE
YOUR
HEART
IN ONE
BLOO-
OW!!







E-KOM-KUN...?



SHU BLAP BLAP



AMNESCENT,
KANON? I'VE
HUMBLY
DEBILITATED
MY OPINION
OF YOU!

SHU YOUR DUMB



YOU HAVEN'T
FORGOTTEN
HOW PROUD
I WAS OF YOU...?



...IT'S MY
VICTORY,

BRATRICE.



THE SIX
YOUNGER
SIBLINGS
OF THAT
NORTHLESS
ELDEST
SISTER...!!

COME,
ARISE,
THE SEVEN
STAKES OF
PURGATORY.

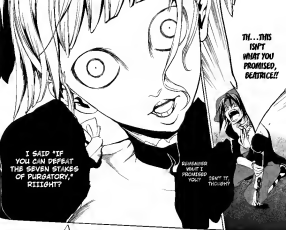
"IF YOU WIN,
I SHALL STAY
TO CHOOSE THE
FIVE PEOPLE
WHO WILL BE
DANTE'S TO THE
GOLDEN LAMP."
...IS WHAT
I PROMISED.

YES
I KEEP MY
PROMISES.

IN THAT
CASE... LET'S
CONTINUE
THE FIGHT.

...WHAT...?!

COME ON.
TRY DEFEATING
THESE GIRLS,
TOO.



TH...THIS
ISN'T
WHAT YOU
PROMISED,
BEATRICE!!

I SAID "IF
YOU CAN DEFEAT
THE SEVEN STAGES
OF PURGATORY,"
RIIIGHT?

BEATRICE
WHAT I
PROMISED
YOU?

BEAT IT,
THOUGHT?



FX, BATTLE



WELL I
WANT TO
FIGHT AND
MOVE IT

I WANT TO
BATTLE
AND
JUST
GO DOWN
AND
MOVE



YOU KNOW
THE
DARKNESS
BECAUSE
YOU THOUGHT
YOU COULD
WIN IT
IT WAS
ONE-ON-ONE,
RIGHT,
KNIGHT

THE NAME
OF A WARRIOR
ISN'T SO
EASY-GETTING





AFTER SHAKING
ME TO DEATH,
I WON'T BE
SATISFIED
WITH CUTTING
YOU INTO
HUNDRED PIECES

I'LL CUT
YOU INTO
A HUNDRED
PIECES!!

LET'S GO,
EVERYONE!



DIE!

**KAN
OO
ON!!**



...NEE-SAN...!!

BY KURASHIMURA

LET'S BRING
THROUGH THIS
SURRENDER AND
KILL THEM
TOGETHER!!

WHY DON'T
WE TURN
HER INTO
REVENGE!
TOGETHER
WITH HELP

I BET SHE
WANTS TO
PLAY WITH
US, TOO

WHAT'S
HER DEAL?
IS SHE
PROTECTING
KINOSHITA?



NNN
GAA
AAH,
YOU'RE
PIS-
SING
ME
OFF!

NOW
MY LIFE
HAS BEEN
FULFILLED
WITH NO
REGRETS.

IF
YOU'VE
JUST
LEFT
ME
ALONE
YOU
WOULDN'T
HAVE
HAD
TO
SUFFER...

IT'S
ALREADY

I COULDN'T
STAND
BACK
AND
WATCH
THEM
COBBLY
TORTURE
YOU
LIKE
THAT!

WHY...?
NEE-
SAY...

I'VE
PROTECTED
YOU
AND
LIVED
AS
A
SISTER.

I'VE
RECEIVED
THE
RING
FROM
GEORGE-SAMA
AND
LIVED
AS
A
WOMAN.



DON'T
WORRY,
I'LL CRUSH
YOU INTO
LITTLE BITS
WHILE YOU'RE
STILL ALIVE
SO YOU'LL
LOOK EVEN
UGLIER!!

I'LL LEAVE
BEHIND THOSE
PRETTY EYES
OF YOURS,
SO I'LL LET
YOU GAZE AT
YOUR OWN
FORM WHEN
YOU'RE
NOTHING
BUT MINCE-
MEAAAAAT!!!

...HOW
PITIFUL...

IF
YOU CAN
SEE YOUR
FIGURE
REFLECTED
ON MY
EYES...

FEEL
SHAME AT
YOUR OWN
LAPDANCE...

I'M SICK OF
YOUR STUPID
PHILOSOPHICAL
OUTLOOK
ON LIFE!

ARE THERE
DISGRACES—
YOU TELL
FOUR!!

...HOW
HELP?

SHUT UP,
FURNITURE

THAT'S
NO REGRET.
IT'S CALLED
LIVING!

YOU DON'T
SMELL A THING
LIKE A
HUMAAAAAN!
DON'T MAKE
IT SOUND LIKE
YOU'RE MORE
FULFILLED
THAN ME WHEN
YOU'RE JUST
FURNITUUUURE!!!

DYING IS
OKAY BECAUSE
YOU GOT A
RING?! I
DON'T GET
IT! LOOKS
LIKE YOU'RE
COMPLETELY
HOPELESS
AFTER ALL!



SEVEN
SISTERS!

EXHAUST
THE LIMITS
OF YOUR
CRUELTY
IN HOW
YOU KILL
SHANNON!!





YOU'VE
DONE ENOUGH
YOU TWO.

YOU
FOUGHT
WELL.



RIGHT.

THANK YOU
VERY MUCH...



YOU
MAY
REST
NOW.







I WILL
REWARD
YOU FOR THE
GOOD WORK
YOU HAVE
PUT FORTH
UNTIL TODAY
WITH A
PEACEFUL
REST

EXCELLENT
WORK



THANK
YOU
VERY
MUCH

NOW I HAVE
COMPLETED
MY FINAL TASK.







ST. MARK



NOTHING
LOOKS
STRANGE...
GOOD



AND THE BEEN
SOMETHING
REMINISCENT
OF THIS STORY
BEFORE



EVEN
IF IT'S JUST A
BURN-OF-THE-WELL
SHORT STORY
ON A SAVICION
WITH AN
ATMOSPHERE
LIKE THIS - IT
CERTAINLY DOES
GIVE ME THE
CREEPS

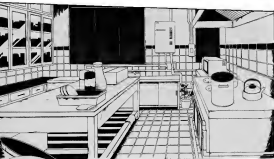
WHEN
MIRIE FALLS,
THE WITCH OF
THE PORTHOLE
WANDERS THE
JUNCTION -
WAS IT

ST. MARK



NO, GROSS!

NO, KATIE GROSSER, SASSY













—EVEN I HAVE WATER-
LIZED.
I AM SURE IT
WAS ONLY A MATTER
OF TIME BEFORE
YOU WOULD
AS WELL.



IT HAS
BEEN A
WHILE,
REMOVE.

AND
RETRACT
AS WELL.



AND YOU
ARE LEAVING
ME TO
DO SO.

SO YOUR
POWERS HAVE
RETURNED TO
THIS EXTENT,
WAS THAT...

... I AM VERY
SAD THAT MY
SLAVE WOULD
ONCE AGAIN
BE DISTURBED
THIS WAY.



AND IF YOU
JUST STAYED
ALONE AS
ALWAYS, I
COULD HAVE
FINISHED
UP THE FIRST
TRICKS
SO EASILY...

BUT I HADN'T
FOUNDED THAT
IT WOULD
ALSO LEAD TO
THE UNDOING
OF YOUR GOAL.

THE FUTURE
OF THE WORLD
WAS ALONE.
THE MORE MY
POWER RETURNED
TO ME AND THE
EASIER IT
BECAME TO
CALL FORTH
MY FAMILY.



OH
I WAS WELL.
JUST
GROWING
BORED
ANYWAY.

SO I WILL
GIVE YOU
A WARM
WELCOME.





MY
TEACHER...!

THE
FORMER LADY
BEATRICE—

The background features a soft, pastel-colored illustration of four anime-style girls in military uniforms. One girl with purple hair is at the top, another with pink hair is on the right, and two others with blue and pink hair are at the bottom. The overall style is cute and whimsical.

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